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A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Richard Cole at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: McCormick, Misenar, Paine, Plackett, and Robinson.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole announced that at the Council's March 2003 retreat, Councilmembers decided to change the rules for persons testifying before the Council under Items from the Audience. If someone is commenting on an issue not on the agenda, and depending on the number of people who have signed up to speak, the Council may decide to hear that testimony later in the agenda, he explained. He concluded that the Council also decided that every person wishing to address the Council would have a maximum of four minutes and a speaker may not donate his/her time to another.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bev Galpin, 9019 158 Place NE, reported on the Redmond Community Float Committee's progress in the design of the float. She noted that in addition to the Derby Days Parade, the float would also be used in a number of other local parades, including the Marysville Strawberry Festival and the Sea Fair Torch Light Parade. She stated that the Committee is selling pins sponsoring the float for \$5.00 and concluded that the Committee had applied for tourism promotion grant funds.

Arnold Tomac, 18119 NE 30 Street, spoke in favor of the rehabilitation of West Lake Sammamish Parkway. He explained that improvements were necessary especially on the east side of the roadway because they would allow bicycle riders to correctly ride with traffic. Also, he continued, the rehabilitation project would improve the visibility of cyclists for drivers from the blind driveways. In conclusion, he noted that at the intersection of 180 Avenue NE and West Lake Sammamish Parkway, cars come close to the north sidewalk, which is dangerous for pedestrians, especially children, who are walking to the park. He urged the city to make pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cole announced that the city was hosting a public meeting on the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Rehabilitation Project on April 21, 2003, in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m.

Josh Reddeman-Beach, 15817 NE 90 Street, Apartment No. M163, showed the Council a diagram of the traffic counts at the intersection of 180 Avenue NE and West Lake Sammamish Parkway. He stated that it is dangerous

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for cyclists to ride on the wrong side of the road and urged the Council's support of the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Rehabilitation Project. He concluded that as the traffic volumes increase at the intersection of 180 Avenue NE and the parkway, the chances of bicycle/automobile accidents increase.

Mary Foland, 14031 110 Place NE, Kirkland 98034, noted that the Council had received several emails from her during the past several weeks. She stated that she works in Redmond and recalled a number of things that have happened to her while cycling. She concluded that cyclists need a clearly marked single directional lane and urged the Council to support the improvements proposed for West Lake Sammamish Parkway.

Todd Proebsting, 18204 NE 28 Street, stated that he supported the rehabilitation of West Lake Sammamish Parkway. The safest path for bicyclists is a separate bicycle lane so cyclists can ride with traffic, he added. The hazards to riders due to the number of driveway crossings and the widening of the roadway are often cited as reasons to oppose the project, he continued. Any road improvement means more traffic and speed, but how much more traffic does a bike lane add, he asked? He concluded the proposal is to increase the shoulder width by two feet to make a four foot bike lane on the east side of the parkway.

Mike Eddy, 5733 155 Avenue NE, gave a power point presentation on how bicycle lanes can calm traffic speed. He noted that when bicycle lanes are added, the width of the roadway appears narrower and drivers normally reduce their speed. He urged the Council to approve the West Lake Sammamish Rehabilitation project for the 2003 construction season.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tempore Cole announced that a staff report on the status of the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Project, NE 51 Street to Marymoor Park, and approval of the Council's retreat summary have been added to the agenda.

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER DORNING

Motion by Mr. Paine, second by Ms. McCormick, to excuse Councilmember Dorning. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Misenar, to approve the following items of the consent agenda:

- (1) approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2003
- (2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#154478 through 154624; and
#107839 through 108388 \$1,044,509.69

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#203816 through 204171 \$2,256,278.13

- (3) confirm the reappointments of Heidi Houghton and Rebecca LaBrunerie to the Arts Commission; Gerard Schaefer to the Library Board; David Ladd to the Park Board; Martin Snodgrass to the Planning Commission; and Julie Barnfather, Glenn B. Eades and Gary Smith to the Trails Commission
- (4) renewal and amendment of the Washington State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Memorandum of Agreement
- (5) Interlocal Agreement between Bellevue, Kirkland and Redmond on the Transportation Forecast Model Platform Development and Maintenance Program (BKR Model)
- (6) acceptance of plat improvements and release of plat bond for 'Grasslawn Village, PPL 97-005/PRD 97-001
- (7) Redmond Trip Reduction Incentive Program (R-Trip) Agreement with King County

Motion carried unanimously (6 -0).

OATH OF OFFICE

The City Attorney administered the oath of office to the following board/commission members:

Arts Commission: Heidi Houghton
Rebecca LaBrunerie

Park Board: David Ladd

Planning Commission: Martin Snodgrass

Trails Commission: Glenn B. Eades
Gary Smith

REPORTS

Staff Report - Public Outreach for Preliminary Preferred Growth Strategy, 2003 Comprehensive Plan Update

Lori Peckol, Senior Planner, referred to the Council memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that staff is seeking Councilmembers' feedback regarding the schedule of public outreach activities. She noted that approximately 30 people attended yesterday's workshop in the downtown area. Additional workshops in smaller areas are envisioned for Southeast Redmond and the Overlake areas, followed by the Redmond Housing Fair and Workshop, follow-up meetings in the neighborhoods and finally a Redmond Design Day on June 2, 2003, she concluded.

Councilmember McCormick asked how would residents become involved in these events? Ms. Peckol replied a citywide mailing, Redmond Cable TV, the city's web site, and outreach to participants/organizations at recent city events will be used to inform and encourage citizens to attend.

In response to a question from Councilmember Robinson, Ms. Peckol stated that staff would send the Council a copy of the power point presentation from the March 31, 2003 downtown workshop and let Councilmembers know the exact dates of the upcoming events.

It was the consensus of the Council that staff proceed with the public outreach activities presented.

Staff Report - West Lake Sammamish Parkway, NE 51 Street to Marymoor

Ron Grant, Construction Division Manager, stated that the preliminary and final designs for the project were

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completed six months ago, but due to right-of-way and environmental challenges the project has not yet been advertised. Advertisement for the construction contract is anticipated in late April/early May 2003 with construction starting in July 2003, he concluded.

CONFIRMATION OF INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Misenar, to approve the following slate for the Independent Salary Commission:

Fay Cawley
Christine Enslein
Bev Galpin
Richard Grubb
Stephen Holding
Sharon Hood
Arnold Tomac

Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Misenar reported on contacts made on the following topics: West Lake Sammamish Parkway Rehabilitation Project, 60 Acres Park South, and dogs in the Watershed Preserve.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cole noted the receipt of an email from Mayor Ives regarding the King County water reclamation project being put on hold.

T-MOBILE 3202 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, LO20288 - QUASI-JUDICIAL

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated April 1, 2003, recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

Gibran Hashmi, Planner, stated that the applicant, T-Mobile, proposes to install a 75-foot telecommunications monopole at the rear of the Accurate Auto Body Repair business located at 7662 159 Avenue NE. He noted that all antennae and internal cables are to be contained within the cylindrical monopole structure. He presented several pictures simulating the location of the monopole and a vicinity map, which showed the location of the monopole in relation to the heron rookery.

Councilmember Misenar asked could additional providers be allowed to use the T-Mobile monopole and asked

whether or not the city could ensure that the pole was aesthetically appealing in the future? Jim Roberts, Assistant Planning Director, responded that the Council could condition the approval of the conditional use permit so that any additional pole users would be required to have their application approved by the city. The City Attorney added that the Council could add a statement that future users of the monopole be required to meet the city's aesthetic standards.

Councilmember McCormick asked were opportunities for using existing monopoles explored? Mr. Hashmi responded that the location chosen is the preferred location with regard to coverage. The applicant, he continued, was not required to investigate other sites because the monopole will be less than 80 feet in height and is not located in a residential zone. He noted that nearby trees range from 80 to 110 feet in height.

Councilmember Robinson asked is there a requirement for a setback from the heron rookery? Mr. Hashmi replied staff contacted the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife; the state's only concern was that there be no construction during the heron-nesting season.

Craig Walkenhorst, SecuraSite LLC, 17522 Bothell Way NE, Bothell 98011, spoke in favor of the conditional use permit on behalf of T-Mobile. He noted that the proposed monopole will fill a void in the coverage area and that T-Mobile did consider existing structures, but there were none. He added that the equipment cabinet at the base of the pole would be screened by a brick wall and landscaping. He explained that the pole is designed to allow for co-location of other antennae in the future and T-Mobile would agree to the additional condition for future users.

Motion by Mr. Misenar, second by Ms. Plackett, to approve the T-Mobile 3202 conditional use permit, subject to the conditions outlined in the Hearing Examiner's report dated February 14, 2003, and subject to the requirement that any modifications to the pole with regard to capacity, co-location or aesthetics are to be approved by the Redmond Planning and Community Development Department.

Councilmember Paine suggested that the Council revisit the city's regulations with regard to telecommunication monopole aesthetics. Councilmember McCormick suggested that staff research and provide information on the

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siting of monopoles in downtown Bellevue and Kirkland as part of this review. The Council concurred.

Councilmember McCormick stated that she would not support the motion because the Council has taken great lengths to preserve the treed site and gateway to downtown Redmond.

Motion carried (5 - 1) with McCormick voting nay.

EASTSIDE HOUSING ASSOCIATION AVONDALE DAY CARE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, FILE NO. CUP 02-003

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated April 1, 2003, recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

Steven Fischer, Senior Planner, showed a diagram of the EHA project site and location of the day care facility. He noted that EHA is in the final permitting stage for the project and construction is scheduled to begin later this year. The proposed facility would be approximately 5,700 square feet and serve 60 students, he noted, many of whom would reside in the nearby housing.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Robinson, to approve the EHA Avondale Day Care conditional use permit, subject to conditions outlined in the Hearing Examiner's report dated March 10, 2003. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

FOLLOW-UP FROM MARCH 2003 RETREAT

Motion by Ms. Plackett, second by Ms. McCormick, to direct the administration to present for Council's consideration a resolution expressing the Council's desire to receive the Mayor's preliminary budget by the second Tuesday in September, prior to the start of the next biennium. Motion carried (5 -1) with Robinson voting nay.

Several Councilmembers expressed their need for additional time to review the draft retreat summary before its approval.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report - Public Administration and Finance
Committee

Councilmember Misenar announced that the April 2, 2003 meeting of the Public Administration and Finance Committee was cancelled.

Committee Report - Interstate 405 Executive Committee

Councilmember Paine reported that the I-405 Executive Committee met last week and heard a presentation on HOT (high occupancy toll) lanes. He noted that the Committee will be deciding on a configuration of HOT express lanes within the next two to three months.

Committee Report - Planning and Public Works Committee

Councilmember Robinson stated that the Planning and Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, and the topic of discussion was the State Route 202/State Route 908 Widening Project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor Pro Tempore declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

CITY CLERK